

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	20 December 2000
Name of applicant/court:	Andrew Robert Berry
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Shit At School
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Stated
Format:	Computer Printout
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Unrestricted.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer printout *Shit At School* is classified as:
Unrestricted.

The computer printout *Shit At School* consists of a typed list of 100 suggestions for disruption of school routine and harassment of teachers. The list includes serious crimes such as fraud and arson. The material is available in various forms on the Internet. It is intended for young persons, who may be attracted by its anti-authority focus. The extent and degree to which the publication as a whole encourages criminal acts is limited by several factors such as the prevalence of schoolboy pranks in the list and the improbable or impractical nature of many of the suggestions. The dominant effect of *Shit At School* is rather silly juvenile humour. Little instructional detail is given that would encourage serious crimes. The material is unlikely to have a lasting impact on the majority of its readers.

Given these matters, the Classification Office concludes that the availability of the publication is unlikely to be injurious to the public good. A restriction on the availability of the publication would not be a reasonable limit that is demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society. The decision places no limitation on the right to freedom of expression set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

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